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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 September 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action is in response to the communication received September 13, 2005.

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baillargeon et al (US20020046076A1). In view of Rothrock (US 5,729,687).

As per claims 1-2, Baillargeon et al disclose a multi-nodal meeting planning system. In so Doing, Baillargeon et al disclose a first node which is a secure computer protected from unauthorized access having a meeting planner application program for entering meeting planning data which includes personal, identifying, or other sensitive data of persons authorized as attendees at a meeting event, and non-sensitive group data which are unique to a group of authorized attendees at the meeting event and usable for meeting planning and other meeting facilitation functions for the group [Page 1, Paragraph 0013-0020 and Page 4 Paragraph 0055-0058], a second node which is a public online site which receives only the non-sensitive group data uploaded from the first node and assembles meeting planning and other meeting facilitation functions in a unique meeting group program using the non-sensitive group data Page 9

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[Paragraphs 0183-0186; [Page 10 Paragraphs 0189-0192], a third node which is a private online site which receives the assembled meeting group program downloaded from the second public node and the sensitive data of authorized attendees downloaded from the first secure node and combines the authorized attendee data together with the meeting group program to create [Page 10 Paragraphs 0189-0192] Baillargeon et al do not expressly disclose private meeting group site accessible only to authorized attendees of the meeting event. Rothrock in the same field of endeavor, discloses the concept of collecting private meeting information from participants (col. 8, lines 13-35). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to modify the teachings of Baillargeon et al to include the teachings of Rothrock with the motivation for joining participants into an ongoing meeting.

As per claim 3, claim 3 recites an online meeting planning method for performing the steps of system claim 1; therefore claim 3 is rejected under the same analysis relied upon of claim 1.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Romain Jeanty whose telephone number is (571) 272-6732. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 7:30AM - 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tariq R. Hafiz can be reached on (571) 272-6729. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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October 31, 2005



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